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ABSTRACT

Teaching art at the elementary level provides the student and the teacher with the opportunity to develop artistic skills and enhance awareness of the world and its varied cultures. Art provides the chance to gain an appreciation of the various styles of art and artists. Art education allows for students' individual growth; unique, valuable creativity; and provides a means for learning more than art concepts. This guide aims to help teachers, even those with no formal art training, bring the inspiration of art into the classroom. Following basic principles and elements of design, such as composition, line, texture, and color. The guide provides step-by-step directions for more than 120 classroom-tested art projects. Students can enjoy activities, such as creating African masks, op art weavings, and Celtic initials, while learning about art history and other subjects. Projects in the guide are easily integrated into a variety of curriculum areas, including mathematics, social studies, and language arts. Many are multiculturally based, and most use standard classroom art materials. Contains a glossary of relevant terms. (BT)

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